

Sports

Swimmers travel to Austin

By GLEN JOHNSON
To some persons, it might seem odd to enter a contest without so much as a remote chance to win, but that is just what the men's swimming team at Texas A&M University will do tomorrow in Austin. The team left today to compete in the Southwest Conference championship swim meet which is held each year at the University of Texas in Austin. But, if the team comes back to College Station with anything other than sixth place, it will be surprising, said head swimming coach Dennis Fosdick.

Time trials for tomorrow's events begin at 11 a.m. Trials and finals will continue for three days.

Although the conference allows a member team to represent each school, the Aggies will be leaning hard on just five men to score the points. Therefore, it is unlikely that the team will score high.

To make matters worse, these swimmers specialize in the same events, those being freestyle and

the butterfly. Therefore, the team stands a chance of losing valuable points in the other events.

Roger Lien, a sophomore from San Jose, Calif., is favored to be strong in the long-distance freestyle events. He currently holds Texas A&M records in the 500 and 1,650-yard freestyle which he set last year, and in the 1,000-yard freestyle which he set this year against the University of Texas.

Backing Lien will be Bruce Hoak, a sophomore from Dallas, Tex., who also swims the long distance freestyle.

Sprinting for points in the freestyle and butterfly will be Jim Yates, a senior from Santa Clara, Calif., Chris Shipp, a freshman from Dearborn, Mich. and Chuck Burr, a freshman from Fort Worth, Tex.

While all three show promising times, Yates is the only one to hold a Texas A&M record. That record is in the 400-yard freestyle relay which he shares with Svante Ras-

muson, Bob Leland and Don Reeser.

The reason the team lacks strong manpower in all the events, Fosdick explained, is injuries and illness that has hampered the men.

"We just don't have enough people," he said.

"Everytime we think we have something, someone gets hurt or sick.

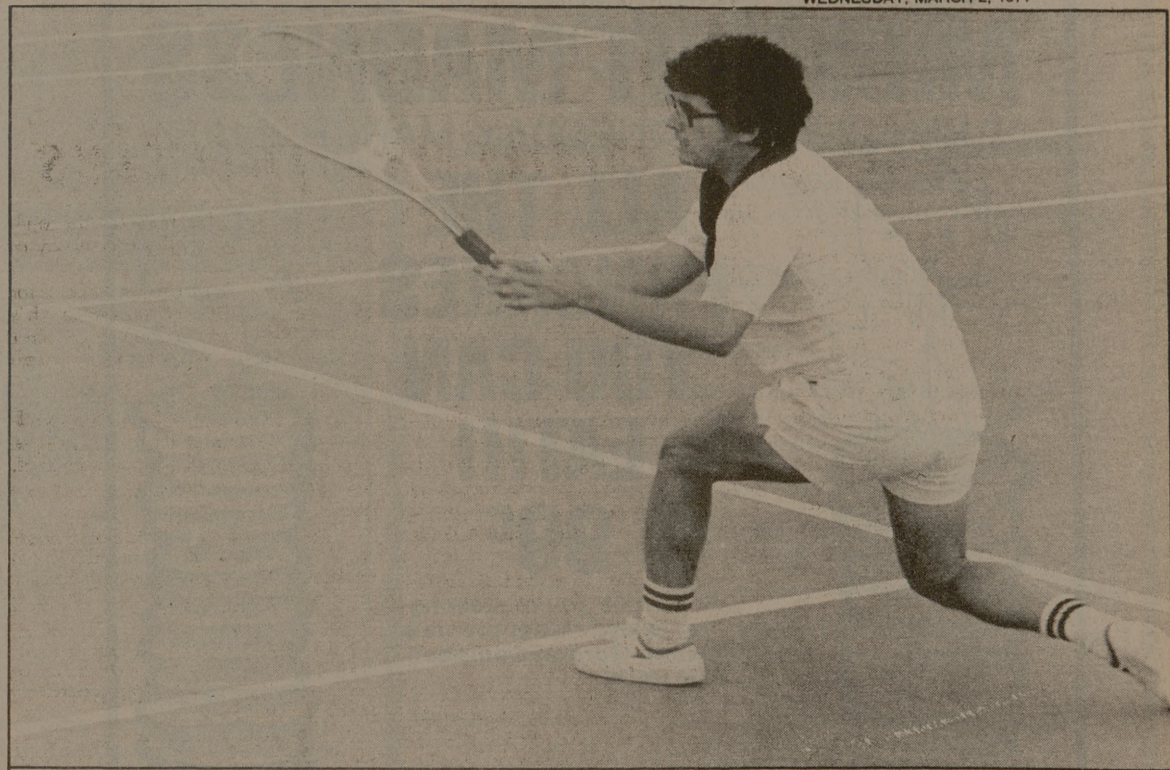
As it is now, all of our good swimmers are in the same events and they will just knock each other out of the winning places."

The team members are not losing hope, however.

"I think the guys going have a good attitude," Lien said. We aren't going to place that well, and everyone knows it, so we'll be making more of an individual effort against time.

"I think we'll surprise some people and do better than they think," said Lien.

After this meet, the men will have one more chance to qualify for the Amateur Athletic Union national championships to be held in Canton, Ohio, April 6-9. That chance will be March 23-26 at the NCAA championships in Cleveland, Ohio.



Charles Emley hits a winner down the line against Baylor's Danny Dobbs in the No. 1 singles match. Emley lost to Dobbs 6-1, 6-2. The Aggies won the match against the Bears 8-1.

Battalion photo by Mike Willey

Jones runs fastest time this season

United Press International
AUSTIN — Olympic gold medal winner Johnny Jones' first 100-yard dash for the University of Texas matched the collegiate record for electronically timed races of that distance, but it took track officials two days to notice.

Jones, a member of the Olympic winning 400-meter relay team, ran the 100 in 9.21 seconds in a triangular meet against Texas Christian and North Texas State. The time was the fastest in the world this season and set a school and Memorial Stadium record.

Coach Cleburne Price said Monday he had discovered it also tied the collegiate record for electronically timed races.

"I knew it was a fantastic time. We kept the picture and when you have the picture, there's not too much to worry about," Price said. The timing system used by Texas produces photo finishes showing the time of the race.

Winds gusts to 30 miles per hour during the meet, but the wind during the 100-yard dash was less than one mile per hour, Price said.

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